

# San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

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To: Governing Board  
San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority

From: Judy Kelly, Director, San Francisco Estuary Partnership  
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Re: **San Francisco Foundation Grant Application Submission**

Attachment: (A) Grant application

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## Summary

A grant application (Attachment A) has been submitted on behalf of the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority to the San Francisco Foundation, seeking funds for research on the feasibility of specific funding mechanisms, and where in the Bay Area those mechanisms could be successfully implemented.

## Discussion

ABAG and Conservancy staff submitted a grant application to the San Francisco Foundation which is being considered for funding from their San Francisco Bay Fund Initiative.

In 1999, The San Francisco Foundation accepted a \$3,875,000 payment from a settlement of a lawsuit related to Selenium releases to the Bay and designed the San Francisco Bay Fund Initiative to:

- support the synthesis of scientific data and identify research gaps to guide science-based San Francisco Bay-Estuary decision-making and management;
- promote the establishment of sustainable, long-term water quality monitoring methods;
- explore ways to link grassroots groups with current scientific knowledge and increase the capacity of these groups to impact significant restoration efforts; and

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- identify and build relationships with other compatible funding organizations to maximize the use of funds and expand impact in restoring and protecting the Bay and Delta.

This year marks the last year of funding from the San Francisco Bay Fund Initiative and the San Francisco Foundation worked with several partners, including the Conservancy and Save The Bay, to determine the best way to spend the remaining funds. Instead of a general Request for Proposals, as has been done each year, the San Francisco Foundation decided to invite a small number of entities to submit proposals for specific projects.

The San Francisco Foundation requested a proposal from the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority for research on the feasibility of specific funding mechanisms the Authority could employ, and where in the Bay Area those mechanisms could be successfully implemented. Attached is the proposal that was submitted to the San Francisco Foundation, requesting \$100,000.

At this point, Conservancy and ABAG staff recommend that the Board authorize acceptance of the grant. If the grant is approved by the San Francisco Foundation, Conservancy and ABAG staff will return to the Board at their next meeting with recommendations for disbursement of the grant funds.

### Requested Actions

1. Authorize/ratify submission of the grant application.
2. Authorize acceptance of a grant from the San Francisco Foundation.
3. Authorize Conservancy and ABAG staff to negotiate any necessary agreements to accept the grant funds.